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URGES EXPANSION OF PRODUCERS' COOPERATIVES

170 SET UP IN LAST 4 MONTHS -- Polska Zbrojna, No 301, 2 Nov 49

Poland's rural population is becoming increasingly interested in producers' cooperatives. Nearly 170 producers' cooperatives have been set up during the last 4 months. They did their collective planting ahead of the independent farms of their area.

Producers' cooperatives which were organized more than a year ago have already shown economic gains.

New producers' cooperatives are being set up every week. It is necessary that they receive the proper assistance. To implement this, two special bodies will function: one, to be created, as a department of the Ministry of Agriculture, the other, already in existence, as a special department for productive cooperatives at the Central Office of Peasants' Self-Help.

These two departments should also control all state farm machine centers, which are supplied with tractors, attachments, and tools for minor repairs. The state farm machine centers will also train peasants to handle agricultural machinery. Instructors employed by the machine centers will offer the necessary technical advice, and help to set up repair shops and tractor brigades. It will be the task of the farm machine centers to train the greatest possible number of peasants as tractor drivers, particularly in productive cooperatives.

Peasants must be won over to the cooperative system by the example set by these cooperatives. The peasants will not be forced to join these cooperatives, but, on the other hand, every intimidation and threat against joining them will be fought back. When meetings are held to discuss productive cooperatives, wealthy peasants and speculators are not to be admitted, since their purpose is to terrorize the peasants or break up such meetings. Since land capitalists and speculators cannot become members of these cooperatives, according to the statute, there is no reason for admitting them to the meetings. The safety of all small and medium land farmers and peasants must be guaranteed against terroristic attempts on the part of the reactionary underground. The peasants themselves

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should lend their active support. Reactionary propaganda is to be waged against all those communities, where the matter of setting up producers' cooperatives is already under discussion.

The organization of producers' cooperatives and its success will depend on how local party organizations and powiat committees tackle their problems. It is necessary to use all propaganda media. Organized trade union workers should be fully aware of the importance of the problems facing the rural population. Factory liaison groups will have to take care of those rural communities where productive cooperatives are to be organized. These liaison groups should be well informed of the statutes of the productive cooperatives and of the respective party line.

Peasant Self-Help will organize a suitable campaign among its own members as to the importance of productive cooperatives. In cooperation with the League of Polish Women and Circles of Peasant Women, the Peasant Self-Help will carry out a propaganda program among women explaining the benefits of producers' cooperatives. Experience has taught that insufficient enlightenment of women plays into the hands of hostile elements in the rural areas.

The ZMP Polish Youth Association should also participate in this action. Cooperative economy in the rural areas will need thousands of mechanics, tractor drivers, assembly men, electricians, engineers, and accountants in the future. It opens a wide field for Poland's youth. -- Hilary Chelcowski, chief, agriculture department, Polish Workers' Party

STORES-ON-WHEELS TO SUPPLY PARTS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 323, 23 Nov 49

For full mechanization of agriculture under the Six-Year Plan, the network of repair shops must be expanded and supplied with machinery, equipment, and parts, stated Bargel, director, Central Supply Office, TOR (Technical Farm Services), at a meeting of regional directors and managers of the TOR.

By a special resolution passed by the Economic Committee and Council of Ministers, and by order of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform, the Supply Division of TOR was renamed the Central Supply Office of TOR. This office will have a wide range of activities tied in with Motozbyt and various bureaus of foreign trade. It will start operating in January 1950. During 1950 this office will operate stores-on-wheels to supply spare parts to the most remote farm machine repair shops.

CENSUS OF FARM MACHINERY ORDERED -- Polska Zbrojna, No 312, 13 Nov 49

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reform ordered a detailed census to be taken of all available agricultural machines on the State Farms, in the repair shops of the Technical Farm Services, in communal machine stores of the Self-Help cooperatives, and in all state-controlled agricultural institutions.

The purpose of the census is to obtain all the necessary data for more efficient use of agricultural machinery under the Six-Year Plan.

The Ministry of Agriculture also invited the above-mentioned institutions to take measures for the care of agricultural machinery in their possession during the winter season.

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